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OF THE

TWENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Roaring River District Baptist Association,

HELD AT

NEW COVENANT CHURCH,

WILKES COUNTY, N. C.,

October 12*th and* 13*th*, 1866.

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NEW COVENANT, October 12, 1866.

1st. Elder Wm. J. Combs preached the introductory sermon from the 16th chapter of Matthew and 18th verse: "And I say also unto thee that thou art Peter; and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

2nd. After a short intermission, the delegates assembled in the Meeting-House, and were brought to order by singing and prayer by Elder Wm. Hall.

3rd. Received letters and delegates from all the Churches in our bounds, except Hickory Spring Church, that sent a letter and contributions, but no delegates, from which the annexed table was prepared.

4th. Organized the Association by appointing Elder WM. HALL, *Moderator*, and WM. E. REYNOLDS, *Clerk*.

5th. On motion, called for correspondents from sister Associations, when the following were received:—From the Senter, Elders Resein Jones and Andrew Powers, with a letter and a parcel of minutes. From Lewis Fork, Elder Wm. Pool, Linville Land, and bro. E. K. Welch, with a letter and parcel of minutes. From the Mountain, Elders George Douglas, B. C. Caudill and Thomas Carr, with letter and a parcel of minutes. All received the right hand of fellowship and were seated with, and aided us in council.

6th. On motion, a door was opened for the reception of churches, when a newly constituted church by the name of Bethany, was received and her delegates given the right hand of fellowship by the Moderator.

7th. On motion, invited transient preachers to sit with us in the Association: Elders Colby Sparks, A. W. Myers and A. E. Myers, accepted the invitation, and the right hand of fellowship was given them.

8th. On motion, anthorized the Moderator to make all temporary appointments during the sitting of this Association.

9th. Appointed John S. Owens, D. F. Sheperd and Wm. Johnson, with the delegates of this church, to arrange the ministry during the meeting, who reported for Saturday, 1st. Andrew Powers; 2nd, George Douglass; 3rd, Wm. Pool; 4th Resein Jones.

10th. Appointed Elders Joshua Long, Wm. J. Combs, brn. S. H. Brooks, Ralph Holbrook and Wm. Walker, with the Moderator and Clerk, a Committee of Arrangement; Corresponding messengers were invited to sit with them.

11th. After prayer by Elder Andrew Powers, the Association adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, October 13th, 1866.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator.

1st. Called the names of Delegates.

2nd. Read the Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

3d. Called on the Committee of Arrangement, which reported and was discharged.

4th. Appointed Wm. Myers, A. J. Dancy and John M. Brown, a Committee of Finance, who reported that they have received in contributions from the churches, $3 61 in specie, $22 25 in greenbacks, $3 65 specie from Treasurer, in all $29 51. Paid to the Clerk for his services for this and last year, $3 65 in specie, leaving in the hands of the Treasurer, $25 86 for printing, and to pay Henry Sebastian the amount he paid for printing the minutes of 1864.

5th. On motion, read the resolution of the Convention of the 16th of August, 1866, held at Mt. Zion church, Wilkes County, N. C. The resolutions read as follows:

1st. We believe that no minister has any right to aid or assist in a civil war, and all ministers who cannot give general satisfaction of their standing as an orthodox minister of the Gospel, in their churches where they belong, shall not have any control in our churches.

2nd. That all churches that hold members who have gone beyond the laws of the land and the laws of the church, into murder, robbery, theft, &c., shall dispose of all such cases, or else we have no communion with the church where they belong.

3rd. And all churches who have received or hold members not received according to the rules of our Association, shall dispose of them.

4th. *Resolved*, That man's political principles alone shall not be a test of followship.

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6th. On motion, read the resolution which was gotten up, and unanimously agreed to by a component part of members of the three Associations, consisting of the Mountain, Senter and Roaring River, on the 12th of September, 1866, at Pine Fork church, Alleghany County, N. C., which reads as follows:

We ask the Association to advise the churches to lay aside all party spirit, and place them back on the same ground they were before the war, and in future be governed by the Word of God, and try to live in peace.

7th. On motion, the above resolution was received and adopted by the Association.

8th. A query from Rachel Church: Is it according to Baptist discipline for a minority to rule in Church matters? The Association answers in the negative, no.

9th. On motion, authorized the Clerk to redistrict the Association and lay it off in four sections, as follows: First Section, Rock Spring, Surry, Hickory Spring, White Oak, and Cool Spring. Second Section, Rachel, Roaring River, Woodruff, Double Creek and Bethany. Third Section, New Covenant, Zion, Mount Zion, Mulberry and Cross Roads. Fourth Section, Rock Spring, Wilkes, Meadow Fork, Zion Hill, Reddies' River.

10th. Called on brethren who were appointed to attend protracted meetings, who reported satisfactorily and were discharged.

11th. Called on corresponding messengers of last year, who reported satisfactorily and were discharged.

12th. Appointed John R. Long, Ralph Holbrook and Austin Gentry, a Committee to appoint corresponding messengers to our sister Associations, who reported as follows: To the Mountain, Elders Joshua Long, Wm. J. Combs, and br. Wm. Johnson. To the Senter, Elder Reuben Sparks, A. W. Myers, and br. Wm. Walker. To the Lewis Fork, Elders Wm. Hall, A. E. Myers, and br. A. J. Absher. And the brethren Wm. Walker, Wm. Johnson and A. J. Absher, write the letter to their respective Associations, and sign the Moderator's and Clerk's name to them.

13th. The Committee to arrange the ministry, reported for Sunday; First, Thomas Carr; 2nd Resein Jones; 3rd, Linville Land; 4th, Wm. Pool.

14th. On motion, agreed that the corresponding letters be written on Friday, and laid before the Association on Saturday, for inspection.

15th. Appointed our next Association to be held with Rock Spring Church, Wilkes County, N. C., ____ miles North of Wilkesboro', commencing Friday before the second Lord's-Day in October, 1867. Elder Joshua Long to preach the introductory sermon; Elder Reuben Sparks his alternate.

16th. Ordered the Clerk to be appointed Treasurer and superintend printing the Minutes, and have five hundred copies struck and distributed as heretofore.

17th. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the brethren and the citizens of this vicinity, for their kindness to us during the meeting.

18th. On motion, adjourned to the time and place of next Association. Prayer by Elder B. C. Caudill.

WILLIAM HALL, *Moderator*.
WM. E. REYNOLDS, *Clerk*.

SUNDAY.

The stage was occupied by those appointed except Elder Resein Jones, who preached in the order of their names:—1st. Elder Thomas Carr preached from the 8th chapter of Paul's letter to the Romans, the 28th 29th and 30th verses, which reads as follows: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called, according to his purpose, for whom he did foreknow; he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his son, that he might be the first born among many brethren. Moreover, whom he did predestinate, them he also called, and whom he called, them he also justified; and whom he justified, them he also glorified."

2nd. Linville Land preached from the 28th chapter of Matthew, 19th and 20th verses: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo! I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.—Amen.

3rd. Wm. Pool preached from the 15th chapter of St. John, 14th verse: "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you."

There were in attendance a large and orderly congregation of people, who seemed to be desirous to hear the Word preached; and at the close of the meeting there seemed to be a considerable display of the Holy Spirit among the people, and we hope that much and lasting good was done in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

W. E. REYNOLDS, Clerk.

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STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	POST OFFICES.	DELEGATES' NAMES.	Ch. Meetings	Baptized	Rec. by Lett.	Restored	Dis. by Let.	Excluded	Deceased	Total	Contributn's
Bethany,	Wilkes,	Hay Meadow,	Joel Brewer, Wm. D. Garner, John Wood,	4		2					20	1.00
Cool Spring,	do	Elkin,	Wiley Gentry, James Lyon, Harrison Haines,	3				1			41	85
Cross Roads,	do	Hay Meadow,	A. G. Absher, Abram Brown, Isaac Birchett,	2	3			5	1		61	2.00
Double Creek,	do	Trap Hill,	John Alexander, Wm. Caudill, M. F. Joins,	2	4	2		2			46	1.00
Hickory Spring,	Surry,	Judesville,		3							28	85
Mulberry,	Wilkes,	Hay Meadow,	Wm. Hall, John S. Owens, Wm. Jinnings,	1	1	4		4	6	1	87	2.00
Meadow Fork,	Alleghany,	Laurel Spring.	Joshua Long, John R. Long, Wyatt Rose,	2	1			1			44	1 25
Mount Zion,	Wilkes,	Hay Meadow,	John M. Brown, Samuel G. Gambill, Lewis Johnson,	1	37			4			72	1.50
New Covenant,	do	do	Wm. Myers, Wm. Walker, M. H. Adams,	3	8	2		3	7	1	139	2.65
Rock Spring,	do	Mulberry,	James Shumate, D. T. Long, Aaron Wyatt,	4				2	4		44	1.25
Rock Spring,	Surry,	Elkin,	John Vaughn, T. C. Gilastie,	1	11						34	1.20
Rachel,	Wilkes,	Hay Meadow,	L. D. Cothran, Williford Privett, Wm. F. Childers,	1							42	1.00
Roaring River,	do	Trap Hill,	Ralph Holbrook, John Gentry, George W. Jordan,	4	35	1		4	1		107	2.45
Reddies' River,	do	Reddies',	D. F. Shepperd, W. H. Corbert,	2	1	1		2	8	3	73	1.50
White Oak,	do	Roaring Gap,	Wm. J. Combs, Austin Gentry, Wm. Johnson,	3	1	4				1	44	1.30
Woodruff,	Alleghany,	Elk Spur,	Reuben Sparks, Wm. Miles,	2	2			2			49	95
Zion Hill,	Wilkes,	Reddies' River	A. J. Dancey, J. W. Wyatt, J. C. Wyatt,	3	1	2		1	2	3	24	1.50
Zion,	do	Hay Meadow,	John Harrold, S. H. Brooks, Wm. E. Reynolds,	4	1	5				1	32	1.30

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MINUTES

OF THE

Twenty-Sixth Annual Session

OF THE

Roaring River District

Baptist Association,

CONVENED WITH

COOL SPRING CHURCH, WILKES CO., N. C.,

Friday and Saturday, 11*th and* 12*th days of October*, 1873.

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1st. The Introductory sermon was delivered by Elder William Hall, from I Kings, 3rd chap., 21st verse: "And when I arose in the morning to give my child suck, behold it was dead," &c.

2nd. After a short intermission the delegates assembled in the Church house, and were brought to order by singing and prayer by brother A. J. Taylor.

3rd. Received delegates with letters from all the churches in our union, except White Oak, Zion Hill, and Woodruff a letter, but no delegates, all of which were referred to the Committee of Arrangements.

4th. Organized the Association by electing Elder William Hall, Moderator, and Thos. J. Colvard, Clerk.

5th. Called for Corresponding Messengers from sister Associations, when Elder B. E. Caudill, from the Mountain Association, and Elder J. H. Vannoy, from the Centre Association came forward with letters and minutes, received the right hand of fellowship, took seats and aided in council.

6th. On motion, Transient Ministers of our faith and order were invited, when brother A. J. Taylor from the Centre Association came forward and received the right hand of fellowship.

7th. On motion, the Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments during our session.

8th. Appointed brethren L. W. Vannoy, J. A. Johnson, a committee to arrange the Ministry, who reported thus: For Saturday—1st, A. J. Taylor; 2nd, J. H. Vannoy; 3rd, B. E. Caudill .For Sunday—1st, James Shumate; 2nd, A. J. Taylor; 3d, B. E. Caudill; 4th, Wm. Hall,

9th. Appointed brother J. S. Owens to write a letter of correspondence to the Centre Association, and brother Wm. Ginnings to the Mountain Association, and have them ready for inspection to-morrow.

10th. Appointed brethren Geo. Wyatt, J. R. Long and Aaron Thompson, a committee to appoint corresponding delegates to our sister Associations, who reported thus: To the Centre Association—Elders Joshua Long, James Shumate and bro. S. B. Jones; to the Mountain Association—Elder Wm. Hall, brethren Lewis Johnson and M. F. Joines.

11th. Appointed Elder James Shumate, brethren Wiley Gentry, John R. Long, Geo. Wyatt and J. A. Johnson, with the Moderator and Clerk, a Committee of Arrangements, and invited corresponding brethren to sit with them.

12th. Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, with prayer by Elder J. H. Vannoy.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH, 1872.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator.

1st. Called the names of delegates.

2nd. Called on the Committee of Arrangements to report. Report received and committee discharged.

3rd. Read the Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

4th. Appointed brethren J. S. Owens, Lewis Johnson and John R. Long, a Committee of Finance, who reported that they received from the Churches $12 20; allowed the Clerk $3 00, leaving in the hands of the Treasurer $9 20 to defray the expenses of printing, &c., which was received and the committee discharged.

5th. Called on brethren appointed to write corresponding letters to report. The letters were read, received, and brethren discharged.

6th. Called on corresponding delegates to report who reported and were discharged.

7th. Called on the committee appointed last year to visit Rachel Church to report. Report received and brethren discharged.

8th. Query from Mount Zion: "Does the non-fellowship resolution include Free Masonry." We now refer it back to the different churches for consideration until our next session.

9th. Query from Reddie's River. "What course shall be taken where a church member is justly indebted to his fellow-brother and refuses to pay?" We, as advisory council say they should be dealt with according to the word of God.

10th. Query from Meadow Fork: "Shall we exclude a church member, who wishes to be excluded while in good standing?" We, as an advisory council say, members should excluded, who decease in faith.

11th. Appointed Elders Joshua Long, Wm. Hall, Jas. Shumate, and brethren John R. Long and Hardin Spicer, a committee to co-operate with the committee from the Mountain and Centre Associations to examine our corresponding lines and consider the propriety of taking up correspondence with the Fish River and New River Associations.

12th. Appointed our next Association to be held with Roaring River Church, Wilkes County, N. C., to commence on Friday, before the 2nd Lord's day in October 1873.

13th. Appointed Elder Joshua Long to preach the Introductory sermon. Elder James Shumate his alternate.

14th. Appointed the Clerk Treasurer to have 400 copies of Minutes printed and distributed as heretofore.

15th. *Resolved*, That we tender our thanks to the brethren and citizens of this vicinity who received and entertained us during the session.

16th. Adjourned to time and place above mentioned, with prayer by Elder Wm. Hall.

WILLIAM HALL, Moderator.

THO. J. COLVARD, Clerk,

The stand was occupied on Sabbath 1st, by Elder James Shumate, who preached from Daniel 2nd chap. and 44th verse. "And in the days of those Kings shall the God of Heaven set up a Kingdom," &c. 2nd. By Elder Wm. Hall, from Judges 14th chap. and 3rd verse. "Get her for me for she pleaseth me well."

There was in attendance a large congregation, who seemed eager to hear. The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into his harvest.

T. J. COLVARD, Clerk.

Tabular Statement.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	P. OEFICE.	DELEGATES NAMES.	Saturdays.....	PASTORS.	Ordained Preachers...	Licentiates.....	Baptised.....	Received by Letter.....	Restored.....	Dismissed.....	Excluded.....	Deceased.....	Total Numbers.....	Contributions, ...
Cross Roads.	Wilkes.	Mulberry.	Geo. Wyatt, A. Brown, Carlton Wyatt.	2	Wm. Hall.				1				1	50	$ 1 50
Double Creek.	"	Trap Hill.	M. F. Joines, Aaron Felts.		Jas. Shumate.		1					1	1	42	1 55
Cool Spring.	"		W. Gentry, James Lyon, S. B. Jones.											21	80
Rock Spring.	"	Mulberry.	James Shumate, D. T. Long.		Jas. Shumate.	1						2	1	37	1 00
Rocky Ford.	Surry.	Judesville,	Jackson Norman, Aaron Thompson.										4	13	75
Mulberry.	Wilkes.	Mulberry,	Wm. Hall, J. S. Owens, Wm. Ginnings.	1	Wm. Hall.	1			3		2	5	1	61	1 65
Roaring River.	"	Trap Hill.	J. A. Johnson, J. I. Lyon.		Wm. Hall.			3	3					27	1 05
Reddie's River.	"	Wilbar.	L. W. Vannoy, T. J. Colvard.	1	Jas. Shumate.			2	4	1		1		72	1 25
Meadow Fork.	Alleghany.	Laurel Spring.	John R. Long, C. Richardson.	2	Joshua Long,	1	1		1		1			25	1 00
Mount Zion.	Wilkes.	Hay Meadow.	Lewis Johnson, L. G. Hall.		Jas. Shumate.							3		29	1 00
Woodruff.	Alleghany.	Cherry Lane.	Represented by Letter.	1	B. O. Johnson.									23	65
White Oak.			Not Represented.												
Zion Hill.			Not Represented.												
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MINUTES

OF THE

Twenty-seventh Annual Session

OF THE

ROARING RIVER DISTRICT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION;

HELD WITH THE

Roaring River Church, Wilkes County, N. C.,

ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,

October 10th and 11th, A. D., 1873.

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Elder Joshua Long preached the Introductory sermon from the 1st Epistle of John, 3d chap. and 2d verse: "Beloved now are we the sons of God," &c.

After a short intermission the delegates assembled in the Church-house and were called to order by singing and prayer, by the Moderator.

1st. Delegates came forward and letters were read from all the Churches in our Union except Zion Hill.

2d. Organized the Association by electing Elder Wm. Hall, Moderator, and Thos. J. Colvard, Clerk.

3d. Called for Correspondents from our sister Associations, when Elders J. H. Vannoy, Jacob Koons and brother W. B. Reeves from the Senter, and Elder B. E. Caudill from the Mountain, came forward and received the right hand of fellowship.

4th. Transient Ministers of our Faith and Order were invited, when Elders A. J. Taylor and E. Billings came forward, received the right hand of fellowship and aided in counsel.

5th. On motion, brother Solomon Ginnings from the Mountain Association was invited to a seat, who came forward and was received.

6th. On motion, the Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments during our session.

7th. Brethren W. Gentry, Geo. Wyatt and H. Spicer were appointed to arrange the ministry, who reported for Saturday: First, Jacob Koons; second, J. H. Vannoy; third, B. E. Caudill. For Sabbath: First, A. J. Taylor; second, E. H. Billings; third, Joshua Long; fourth, B. E. Caudill.

8th. Appointed brother D. F. Shepherd to write a Letter of Correspondence to the Senter Association, and brother M. F. Joins to the Mountain, and have them ready for inspection to-morrow.

9th. Appointed brethren Aaron Wyatt, Aaron Thompson and James Lyon a committee to appoint Correspondents to our sister Associations, who reported to the Mountain, Elders Joshua Long, James Shumate and brethren H. Spicer, M. F. Joins and James Lyon; to the Senter, Elder Wm. Hall and brethren Wm. Ginnings, D. F. Shepherd and T. J. Colvard.

10th. Appointed Elders Joshua Long, James Shumate and brethren H. Spicer, Geo. Wyatt and W. Gentry with the Moderator and Clerk, a committee of arrangements, and invited corresponding brethren to sit with them.

11th. Adjourned by prayer by Elder Jacob Koons, until to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, October 11, 1873.

Met according to adjournment with prayer by the Moderator.

1st. Called the Roll of Delegates.

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2d. Called on the Committee of Arrangements to report, who reported, was received and discharged.

3d. Through the request of Elder Reuben Sparks and brother Wiley Gentry, Elders Joshua Long, B. E. Caudill, A. J. Taylor and brethren Hardin Spicer and W. B. Reeves were appointed a Committee to settle a difficulty between said said Sparks and Gentry, who reported thus: We say peace is made on the following terms, after Elder R. Sparks goes to the Cool Spring Church, and tells them if he has done any of them any wrong he is sorry for it and ask forgiveness, and bro. W. Gentry to the White Oak, and do the same.

4th. Read the Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

5th. Appointed brethren D. F. Shepherd, Wm. Ginnings and Norwood Kennedy a Committee of Finance, who reported thus: Received from the Churches $13.20; allowed the Clerk $3—leaving $10.20 to defray the expense of printing, &c.

6th. Called on brethren appointed to write Corresponding Letters to report, who reported and were discharged.

7th. Called on Corresponding delegates to report; Report received and brethren discharged.

8th. In answer to the delegates from Reddies River concerning Zion Hill Church, we appoint Elders Joshua Long, Wm. Hall and James Shumate a committee to go to said Zion Hill Church and examine her condition and report to our next session.

9th. As concerns the propriety of the ordaining of Elders in the Churches we believe it to be Apostolic, and advise the Churches to work in that line and report to our next session.

10. Ordered a Circular to be printed, and appointed Elder Joshua Long to select a subject and write it, and have it attached to the Minutes.

11th. On motion, the Churches were authorized to hold Union Meetings at such times and places as they see proper, and to call such Ministers as may suit them of our Faith and Order.

12. Appointed our next Association to be held with Mulberry Church, Wilkes county, N. C., to commence on Friday before the 2d Sunday in October, 1874.

13th. Appointed Elder Reuben Sparks to preach the Introductory sermon, Elder Joshua Long his alternate.

14. Appointed the Clerk, Treasurer, to have 400 copies of Minutes printed and distributed as heretofore.

15. Resolved, that we tender our thanks to the brethren and citizens of this vicinity for their unsurpassed kindness to us during our session.

16. Adjourned to time and place above named, with prayer by Elder A. J. Taylor.

WILLIAM HALL, MODERATOR.

T. J. COLVARD, CLERK.

SABBATH.

The brethren assigned to the stand on Sabbath, preached in order of their names. 1. Elder A. J. Taylor, from Matthew 6th chap. and 3d verse; 2. Elder E. H. Billings, from John 15th chap., 13th and 14th verses; 3. Elder Joshua Long, from Genesis 21st chap. and 10th verse; 4. B. E. Caudill, from Matthew 21st chap. and 13th verse.

The congregation was very large and the Good Spirit seemed to be in the midst and therefore we believe the word was not preached in vain.

T. J. COLVARD, *Clerk.*

CIRCULAR.

Being under appointment to select a subject and write a Circular for the Roaring River Association, in which I feel it my duty to address you on church government according to her primitive purity laid down by Christ and the Apostles, and to stir your minds up to your duty according to our discipline, the New Testament, which is our only rule of Faith and practice. Jesus Christ sent men to preach the Gospel, and they that believed on him were baptized and organized into churches, and he gave them rules by which they should be governed; therefore, we should strictly observe the commandments of Him and the Apostles, in quick tongue it was called; what signified a called assembly to transact business, so the Church of Christ is in separate bodies, whose duty it is to meet together in His name; who gave himself for us that we might be redeemed from all iniquity and separate from the world, and the churches in these modern days should be as they were in days of old, with the same officers, that is: Bishops, Elders and Deacons. The office of bishop is to feed the flock of God and take the over-sight thereof, not for lucre, but of a ready mind, and is nothing but overseer of the church, who labors in word and doctrine. The command was to ordain Elders in every city and church, which should be old men of experience and qualified to teach church government and do all the commandments God has given them, and see the Law of Zion strictly observed by all members of the church. The Deacon is to take charge of the poor saints, and not let them want for food and raiment, for often the poor saints are made exiles and taken from home contrary from their wish, and therefore suffer, pine away and die unprovided for by the church. This was an Apostolic rule and according to the will of God. Now, brethren, when you come together in church and form of a holy court of God, you should know no man, nor woman, in kindred ties, but do all things without partiality. It is the duty of the Moderator to give the following rule: If thy brother trespass against thee, go and in the spirit of meekness, tell him his faults there, and him alone, and if he hears thee, thou hast gained thy brother; but if he refuses to hear thee then, tell it to the church. But all open transgressions, such as murder, theft, fornication, adultery, swearing, fiddling and dancing, fighting, and telling lies. Know ye not, the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God. Be not deceived, neither fornicators, nor idolators, nor adulterers, effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetors, nor drunkards, revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And so let the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, and sound in the Faith, and in charity and patience the aged women likewise, that they be in good behavior as becomes holiness; not false accusers, not given to too much wine, but teachers of good things, that they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands and children.—With the above instruction, each member may know what is forbidden in the church. If any of the so-called members of your body offend, tell it to the church; it shall be the duty of the church to send for such person or persons, and if they deny the charge, and you can prove it, or if such persons should pretend to make acknowledgment, do not receive it, for it comes from a lying heart and tongue. My counsel would be, refer it for one meeting and, if they then come up with a contrite heart and with deep humility, forgive them; if not, exclude them.

Now as touching delinquents, I give the following rule: Except invalids, or some sister, whose husband has laid his iron grasp, send for them and ask them why they do not attend; if they can tell no cause, and the church and house of worship seem to be a prison, such members should not belong to the church, but the world. For Jesus says: "If any man love me, him will my Father honor." If the Lord sends

men to preach the Gospel, it is the duty of the brethren and sisters to fill their seats. For if the minister travels a goodly part of his time and a great distance, without compensation, pray, give him your attention and presence, and prayers. So, I call on all members to come up and fill your seats.

JOSHUA LONG.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	POST OFFICE.	DELEGATES' NAMES.	Saturdays.	PASTORS.	Ordained Preachers.	Licentiates.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total Number.	Contributions.
Cross Roads,	Wilkes,	Mulberry,	Geo. Wyatt, C. Wyatt, A. Brown,	2								2		48	$1 50
Double Creek,	"	Trap Hill,	J. Alexander, H. Spicer, M. F. Joins,	2	James Shumate.				1					43	1 60
Cool Spring,	"	Elkin,	W. Gentry, James Lyon,	3										21	65
Rock Spring,	"	Mulberry,	James Shumate, D. T. Long,	4	Joshua Long.	1					1	1	1	34	1 00
Rocky Ford,	Surry,	Judesville,	J. C. Thompson, A. W. Thompson,	2										13	75
Mulberry,	Wilkes,	Mulberry,	Wm. Hall, Wm. Ginnings, A. Wyatt,	1	Wm. Hall.	1			2		2			63	1 90
Roaring River,	"	Trap Hill,	J. A. Johnson, S. H. Johnson, J. I. Lyon	3	"								1	27	1 25
Reddies River,	"	Wilbar,	D. F. Shepherd, T. J. Colvard,	1	James Shumate.			2			2	1		71	1 50
Meadow Fork,	Alleghany,	Laurel Spring,	Joshua Long, Levi Long,	2	Joshua Long.	1								25	1 50
Mount Zion,	Wilkes,	Hay Meadow,	L. G. Hall,	3							1	1		27	50
Woodruff,	Alleghany,	Cherry Lane,	Wm. Miles, E. W. Brown,	1		1					1		8	19	55
White Oak,	Wilkes,	Roaring Gap,	Reuben Sparks, Norwood Kennedy,					2					2	44	50
Zion Hill.	"	Reddies River,	Not Represented.												
						4		4	3		7	5	7	435	$13 20

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SEC. 1. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder Joshua Long from Matt. 16th ch. 18th v.: "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter," &c.

2. After a short intermission the delegates assembled in the church-house and were called to order by singing and prayer by the Moderator.

3. Delegates came forward and presented letters from all the Churches in our Union, from which the annexed Table was prepared. (See p. 4.)

4. Organized the Association by electing Elder William Hall moderator and brother Tho. J. Colvard clerk.

5. Called for Corresponding Delegates from our sister Associations, when Elders B. E. Caudill, James Shumate and C. H. Collins from the Mountain, and Elder A. J. Taylor from the Senter, came forward; all of whom presented a letter and Minutes—were invited to seats with us after receiving the right hand of fellowship.

6. On motion, Transient Ministers of our Faith and Order were invited, when Elder E. H. Billings from the Mountain Association came forward and was given the right hand of fellowship.

7. On motion, the Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments during our session.

8. Appointed brethren H. Spicer, J. S. Miller and James Lyon a Committee to arrange the Ministry, who reported for Saturday, 1st, E. H. Billings; 2nd, C. H. Collings; 3rd, A. J. Taylor.—For Sunday, 1st, James Shumate; 2nd, A. J. Taylor; 3rd, B. E. Caudill. Report received and the Committee discharged.

9. On motion, we now take up the practice of writing Corresponding Letters to our sister Associations.

10. Appointed brother Norwood Kenneday to write a Corresponding Letter to the Mountain Association, and brother William Miles to the Sen-

ter, and to have them ready for inspection to-morrow.

11. Appointed brethren Geo. Wyatt, J. C. Hall and Lewis W. Vannoy a Committee to select Correspondents to our sister Associations, who made the following Report:

"To the Mountain, Elders Joshua Long and Reuben Sparks, and brethren Hardin Spicer and L. W. Vannoy.—To the Senter, Elders William Hall and Tarlton Wooddy, and brethren Daniel T. Long and J. S. Miller."

Report received and Committee discharged.

12. Appointed Elders Joshua Long, Tarlton Wooddy and Reuben Sparks, and brethren Hardin Spicer and George Wyatt, with the Moderator and Clerk, a Committee of Arrangements. Invited corresponding brethren to sit with them.

13. On motion, adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock. Prayer by Eld. A. J. Taylor.

SATURDAY, OCT. 7TH, 1876.

Met according to adjournment, and after prayer by the Moderator proceeded to business.

1. Called the names of Delegates.

2. Called on the Committee of Arrangements to report, who reported and were discharged.

3. Read the Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

4. Appointed brethren A. J. Abshur, S. B. Jones, J. C. Hall and Norwood Kenneday a Committee of Finance, who reported thus:

Rec'd from the Churches, . . .	$12 00
Allowed the Clerk	3 00
Leaving a ballance of	$9 00

to defray the printing and other expenses.

Report received and Committee discharged.

5. Called on Corresponding Delegates of last year to report, who reported satisfactorily and were discharged.

6. Called on the Presbytery appointed last year to visit our corresponding lines to report, who reported and were discharged.

7. Appointed a Presbytery, consisting of Elders Joshua Long, William Hall, Tarlton Wooddy and Reuben Sparks, whose duty we think it is to make Biblical provisions for destitute churches and members of our Faith and Order who may be found in our bounds, and to notice our corresponding lines.

8. On motion, appointed Elders Joshua Long, William Hall and Tarlton Wooddy a Committeee to answer the request from the Rock Spring church at our next session.

Question.— *What is the office of Elders, Bishops and Deacons?*

9. Called on the brethren who were appointed to write Corresponding Letters to read them. The letters were read and received, and the brethren discharged.

10. Appointed our next Association to be held with the Woodruff Church, Alleghany county, N. C.; to commence on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1877.

11. Appointed Eld. William Hall to preach the Introductory Sermon, Eld. Tarlton Wooddy his alternate.

12. Appointed the Clerk Treasurer, and ordered him to have 300 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed as heretofore.

13. On motion, we now tender our thanks to Almighty God for His blessings and to the brethren and citizens of of this vicinity for their kindness to us during our session.

14. On motion, we now adjourn until our next session of the Roaring River Association, with prayer by Elder B. E. Caudill, of the Mountain Association.

WILLIAM HALL, Mod.
THO. J. COLVARD, *Clerk.*

SABBATH.

The stand was occupied on Sunday by those appointed.

1st. Elder James Shumate preached from Ruth 1st ch. and 16th v.: "And Ruth said, Entreat me not," &c.

2nd. Elder A. J. Taylor preached from St. John 10th ch. and 5th v.: "And a stranger will they not follow," &c.

3rd. Elder B. E. Caudill preached from Ecclesiastes 12th ch. and part of the 13th v.: "Fear God, and keep his commandments."

At the close of the services the good Spirit seemed to be in our midst. Let all honor and praise be given unto the Great I Am, world without end.—Amen.

T. J. COLVARD,
Clerk.

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Cross Roads,	Wikes,	Mulberry,	George Wyatt, A. J. Abshur,	2d	Wm. Hall,	0	0	3	0	2	0	1	1	43	$2 00
Cool Spring,	"	Elkin,	James Lyon, S. B. Jones,	3d		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	95
Double Creek,	"	Trap Hill,	Hardin Spicer,	2d	J. Shumate,	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	40	1 45
Mulberry.	"	Mulberry,	W. Jennings, W. Hall, H. Shumate,	1't	Wm. Hall,	1	0	20	3	1	0	0	3	84	2 00
Meadow Fork	Alleghany,	LaurelSpng	J. Long, T. Wooddy, J. S. Miller,	2d	J. Long,	2	0	8	2	1	1	0	0	31	1 25
Roaring River	Wikes,	Trap Hill,	J. I. Lyon, M. G. Lyon,			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	23	75
Rock Spring,	"	Hall's Mills,	J. C. Hall, D. T. Long, A. Felts,	4h	J. Long,	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	36	1 00
Reddies River	"	Wilbar	L Vannoy T J Colvard A Whitington	3d	Wm. Hall,	0	0	9	3	0	3	0	2	82	1 35
White Oak,	"	RoaringGap	R Sparks, J C Thompson, R G Bullard	3d	R. Sparks,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	43	65
Woodruff,	Alleghany,	Cherry Lane	William Miles, E. Brown,	2d	R. Sparks,	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	37	60
						3	0	58	9	5	5	4	9	420	12 00

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MINUTES

OF THE

32nd ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Roaring River District Baptist Association

CONVENED WITH THE

ROCK SPRINGS CHURCH,

WILKES COUNTY, North Carolina.

October, 11th and 12th, 1878.

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The introductory sermon was delivered by Eld Reubin Sparks, by using the latter clause of the 29th verse of the 1st chapt of St John, for a text. "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.',

After a short intermission the delegates assembled in the Church house, and was called to order by singing and prayer.

1st. Letters from all the different churches in our union was handed in and on motion was read and received.

2nd. Organized the Association by electing Eld Wm Hall Moderator and bro T M Joines Clerk.

3rd. Called for correspondents from sister Associations, when the following came forward, viz: From the Mountain, Elds B E Caudill and Wm B Halsey; from the Center, Elds John H Vannoy. Noah Baldwin and bro Wm B Reves, all producing letters and minutes from their respective Associations, all of whom was received, and their delegates seated with us and aided in council.

4th. On motion invited transient Ministers of our faith and order to seat with us.

5th. On motion the Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments during the session.

6th. Appointed F M Walker, Enoch Vannoy with the delegates of this Church to arrange the ministry during our session, who made the following report, viz: For Saturday 1st, John H Vannoy. 2nd. Wm B Halsey. 3rd. B E Caudill. For Sabbath, 1st Noah Baldwin. 2nd A J Taylor, 3rd Wm Halsey. 4th B E Caudill.

7th. Appointed bro Joshua Spicer to write a letter of correspondence to the Mountain and bro W Miles to write to the Senter, and have them ready for inspection by to-morrow.

8th. Appointed Correspondents to Sister Associations as follows, viz: To the Mountain, Elds J Long, Reubin Sparks, brothers Hardin Spicer and Joshua Spicer. To the Senter, Eld Wm Hall bro A J Absher, S C Shumate and T M Joines.

8th. Appointed bro George Wyatt, Eld Reubin Sparks, bro J R Long, Wm Jennings and Clayborn Richardson with the Moderator and Clerk a Committee to arrange the business of the Association and invited correspondents to sit with them.

9th. On motion adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Eld B E Caudill.

SATURDAY, October, 12th, 1878.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator.

1st. Called the roll of delegates and marked absentees.

2nd. Called on the Committee of arrangement to report, who reported and were discharged.

3rd. Read the Constitution and Rules of Decorum,

4th. Appointed a committee of finance, consisting of bro Wm Miles, J R Long and A J Absher, who made the following report, viz: Received from the Churches in contribution $11.70. Paid Correspondents $2.70. Left in the hands of the Treasurer $9.00. Allowed the Clerk $3.00, and discharged the Committee.

5th. Called on Correspondents to report, who reported and were discharged.

6th. Called on the Presbytery of last year to report, who reported and were discharged.

7th. On motion Elds Wm Hall, Joshua Long, Reubin Sparks and bro J R Long and Hardin Spicer, were appointed a Presbytery to look after destitute churches and members and notice corresponding lines.

8th. On motion the Clerk was authorized to correct the defect in the Association book.

9th. Called on brethren that were appointed to write corresponding letters to read them. Letters read and the brethren discharged.

10th. Appointed the next Association to be held with the Double Creek Church, Wilkes County, to commence Friday before the second Sunday in October 1879. Eld Joshua Long to preach the introductory sermon. Wm Hall alternate.

11th. Aopointed the Clerk Treasurer and superintend printing the minutes and have 300 copies struck and distribute as usual.

12th. *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Association be tendered to the brethren and citizens of this vicinity for their kindness during our meeting.

Admonition and prayer by Eld Noah Baldwin. Adjourned to time and place above named.

Wm HALL, *Moderator.*

T M Joins, *Clerk.*

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P. S. The stand on Sunday was occupied in accordance with previous arrangments. 1st by Eld Noah Baldwin, from 2nd chapt of Jonah and a part of the 9th verse. 2nd by A J Taylor, from the 9th chapt of St Luke and last verse. 3rd by Wm Halsey, from Hebrew 11th chapt and 14th verse. 4th by B E Caudill, from the 19th chapt and 14th verse of Revelations. And we hope that much and lasting good was done. T M Joins, Clerk.

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Cross Roads.	Wilkes.	Mulberry.	Geo Wyatt, Abram Brown, A J Absher.	2nd	Wm. Hall.				1		2			47	$2.00
Cool Springs.	"	Elkin.	James Lyons.	3rd.	" "						1		3	17	50
Double Creek.	"	Trap Hill.	Hardin Spicer, Joshua Spicer, T M Joins,	3rd.	" "			12			2			50	1.75
Mulberry,	"	Mulberry.	Wm Hall, Wm Jennings, Hardin Shumate.	1st.	" "	1			4	1	1	1	1	93	2.50
Meadow Fork.	Alleghany.	Laurel Springs.	Joshua Long, J R Long, C Richardson,	2nd	J Long,	1			2				1	33	1.00
Roaring River.	Wilkes.	Trap Hill.	B F Absher, J J Lyons.	1st.	"									25	75
Reddies River.	"	Reddies River.	Enoch Vannoy, L W Vannoy, M Pierce,	3rd.	"							4	2	76	70
Rock Springs.	"	Halls Mills.	D F Long, Aaron Felts. J O Owens.	4th.	"						2		1	36	1.00
White Oak.	"	Roaring Gap.	Reubin Sparks, F M Walker.	3rd.	R Sparks.	1		1			1			47	80
Woodruff.		Cherry Lane.	Wm Miles, Wm Royal.	2nd	"	1					1	1		38	70
						4		13	7	1	10	6	8	462	11 70

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MINUTES

OF THE

Sixty-Eighth Annual Session

OF THE

ROARING RIVER PRIMITIVE

Baptist Association

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FRIDAY, SAT., SUN.--OCTOBER 9, 10, 11,

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NAMES OF CHURCH CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

Cross Roads—Geo. V. Brown,	No. Wilkesboro,	N. C.
Double Creek—S. L. Johnson,	Newlife,	"
Fairplains—W. V. Adams,	No. Wilkesboro,	"
Mulberry—W. L. Owens,	Halls Mills,	"
Meadow Fork—J. A. Miller,	Laurel Springs,	"
Pilgrim's Rest—B. P. Crab,	R.F.D. Traphill,	"
Roaring River—M. A. Lyon,	"	"
Michell's River—Sanford Snow,	" Dobson,	"
Woodruff—J. A. Brooks,	Cherry Lane,	"
Reddies River—L. W. Vannoy,	Wilbar,	"
Rock Springs—Jas. M. Taylor,	McGrady,	"

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PROCEEDINGS

Friday, October 9th, 1914

1st. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. M. Crouse, by using the three last verses of 28th, Chapter of Matthew,—"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, &c."

2nd. After, an Intermission of 20 minutes, the Messengers from the different Churches, assembled in the Meeting House and were called to order by the Moderator.

3rd. Organized the Association by Praise and Prayer by Elder M. B. Martin.

4th. On motion, read and received letters from all the Churches, in our Union, except Pilgrims Rest.

5th. Unanimously appointed Elder W. R. Craft, Moderator and Elder William R. Welborn, Clerk, by acclamation.

6th. Called for Churches, wishing to unite with this Association. None came.

7th. Called for Correspondents from Sister Associations. When, from the Mountain, came Elders M. B. Martin, J. M. Crouse and S. A. Greear and Brother A. J. Galyean. From Senter, nothing. From Silver Creek, Brother C. L. McGee with a file of Minutes. From Fishers River, Elder J. M. Royall. From Washington, a file of minutes. From St. Clairs Bottom, nothing. From Zion a file of Minutes.

8th. Called for Associations wishing to correspond with us. None came.

9th. Called for Visitors from Sister Associations, when Brother J. A. Walters from Silver Creek came forward; and Elder S. U. Atwood and Brother F. A. Parks from the Mountain came forward. The Moderator extending the "right hand of fellowship" to all.

10th. On motion, the Moderator to make all temporary appointments during this Session.

11th. Appointed a Committee on the Ministry, consisting of Brethren C. M. Crouse, J. A. Miller and M. A. Lyon with the Messengers of Rock Springs Church, who reported for Saturday: 1st. Elder S. A. Greear; 2nd. Elder J. M. Crouse; 3rd. Elder M. B. Martin.

12th. Called on Correspondents to report, report received and Brethren discharged, and those who failed were excused.

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13th. Appointed Correspondents as follows: To the Mountain, which is to be held with the church at Crab Creek, Alleghany County, N. C., Elders E. A. Long and W. R. Craft, and Brethren Sanford Snow, J. J. Atwood, J. A. Brooks, M. F. Joines, Sr., and M. G. Lyon. To Senter, Elder Wm. R. Welborn, J. A. Miller and M. F. Joines, Sr. Senter Association is to be held with the church at South Fork, Ashe County, N. C. To Silver Creek, which is to be held with the church at Globe in Caldwell County, N. C., commencing on Friday before the 3rd, Saturday in September 1915, Elder Wm. R. Welborn and Brethren J. A. Miller and M. A. Lyon. To Fishers River, to be held with the church at Mulberry about 8 miles North of Elkin, N. C., on Friday before the 2nd, Sunday in August 1915, Elders Wm. R. Welborn and E. A. Long, and Brethren M. A. and M. G. Lyon to attend. Send Minutes to Washington, Indian Creek, St. Clairs Bottom and Zion.

14th. Appointed the following Brethren a committee of Finance: J. A. Miller, S. L. Johnson and W. L. Owens.

15th. Appointed the following Committee on Arrangements, viz: Elder E. A. Long and Brethren George V. Brown, John A. Brooks, J. A. Miller and John A. Long, with the Moderator and Clerk, Correspondents and Transients invited to sit with the Committee.

16th. On motion, adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Preaching to commence at 10 o'clock in the morning. Praise and Prayer by Elder Wm. R. Welborn.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10th, 1914.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Praise and Prayer by Elder J. M. Crouse.

1st. Called roll of messengers and marked absentees.

2nd. Called on Committee of Arrangements to report, who reported, and on motion, report received and Committee discharged.

3rd. On motion, read the Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

4th. Called on Finance Committee to report, who reported as follows: Received from the Churches $14.20; from Mr. Lee F. Johnson $1.00; and from the different Churches $2.30; total $17.50. Allowed $12.00 for printing Min-

utes; $2.00 for postage, &c; $2.00 Clerk's fees and $1.50 to the Moderator. Report received and Committee discharged.

5th. Called on Committee for the Ministry to report, who reported for Sunday: Elder S. U. Atwood to introduce. 1st, Elder J. M. Royall; 2nd, Elder Wm. R. Welborn; 3rd, Elder Wm. R. Craft. On motion, report received and Committee discharged.

6th. On motion, ordered the Constitution and Rules of Decorum of this Association printed in these Minutes.

7th. On motion, ordered the Obituary of Sister Mary (nee Spicer) Johnson, printed in these Minutes.

8th. Renewed the call for visitors, when Brethren N. G. Snyder, John Bell, Ben Brown and A. A. Johnson from this body accepted seats with us.

9th. On motion, appointed Elders E. A. Long, Wm. R. Welborn, and Brethren J. J. Atwood, Sanford Snow and S. L. Johnson a Committee to visit the Church at Pilgrims Rest and inquire the cause of their failures to represent in the two last Sessions of this Association, and report to the next Session.

10th. On motion, appointed Union Meetings as follows: Woodruff Church, to commence on Friday before the 2nd, Saturday in June 1915, and continue three days; Elders Wm. R. Welborn, Wm. R. Craft and J. M. Royall to attend. Double Creek, to commence on Friday before the 2nd, Saturday in July 1915 and continue three days; Elders Wm. R. Welborn, E. A. Long and J. R. Sanders to attend.

11th. On motion, appointed our next Association to be held with the Church at Double Creek, Wilkes County, N. C., commencing on Friday before the 2nd, Sunday in October 1915, and that Elder Wm. R. Craft preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder Wm. R. Welborn be his Alternate.

12th. On motion, appointed our Clerk, Treasurer, and ordered him to have 500 copies of this Minute printed and distributed among the Churches and Corresponding Associations as usual.

13th. On motion, we tender our thanks to God for His mercy to us; and to the Brethren, Sisters and friends of this community for their kindness and hospitalities during this the 68th, Annual Session of Roaring River Association.

14th. On motion, read and approved this Minute.

15th. On motion, adjourned to Time and Place of hold-

ing our next Association, after praise and prayer by Elder J. M. Royall.

WILLIAM R. CRAFT, Moderator,
WILLIAM R. WELBORN, Clerk.

PREACHING, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10th, 1914.

The Elders appointed to preach to-day came forward in the order of their names and preached to the people the Gospel. 1st. Elder S. A. Greear, text: Romans 8: 7. 2nd. Elder J. M. Crouse, text: St. John 10: 27—28. 3rd. Elder M. B. Martin, text: Psalms 8: 4. The Lord blessed the Brethren to speak to the comfort of His people.

PREACHING, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11th, 1914.

1st. Elder S. U. Atwood, subject: Salvation and Experience. 2nd. Elder J. M. Royall, text: For Jerusalem's sake I will not hold my peace, &c. 3rd. Elder M. B. Martin, text: 2nd, John the three first verses. And the unworthy writer closed amid much good feelings. The blessed God did surely bless us all with an out pouring of His Holy Spirit, insomuch, that we all felt to praise God from whom ALL blessings flow.—Clerk.

POST OFFICE ADDRESS OF ELDERS PRESENT IN THIS ASSOCIATION.

Elder M. B Martin.....Bledsoe, N. C.
" S. A. Greear.....Major, Va.
" S. U. Atwood.....Stratford, N. C.
" J. M. Crouse.....Edwards X Roads, "
" E. A. Long.....Laurel Springs, "
" J. M. Royall.....Thurmond, "
" Wm. R. Craft.....Wilbar. "
" Wm. R. Welborn.....State Road, "

CONSTITUTION OF THE ROARING RIVER ASSOCIATION.

Article 1.—The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different Churches in our Union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective Churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to a seat.

Article 2.—In the letters from the different Churches requested to be expressed their number in full fellowship, those Baptized, received by Letters, Dismissed, Excommunicated or Dead since our last Association.

Article 3.—The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any classical power over the Churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any Church in this Union.

Article 4.—The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper Decorum.

Article 5.—The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

Article 6.—Churches may be admitted into this Union, who shall petition by Letter and Delegates, and upon examination, if found Orthodox and Orderly, shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the Delegates the right hand of fellowship.

Article 7.—Every Church in the Union shall be entitled to representation.

Article 8.—Every Querry presented by any member in the Association shall be once read, and before it be debated the Modrator shall put it to vote and if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration, deliberated upon, if not it shall be withdrawn.

Article 9.—Every motion made and seconded, shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Article 10.—The Association shall endeavor to furnish the Churches with Minutes of the Association; the best method of affecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of future Associations.

Article 11.—We think it necessary that we should have an Association fund for defraying the expenses of the same; for raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each Church, in the Union, to contribute voluntarily such sums as they may think proper and send by their Delegates to the Association, and the moneys thus contributed by the Churches and received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of a Treasurer, by the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all moneys by him received and paid out according to the direction of the Association.

Article 12.—There shall be an Association Book kept wherein the Proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by a Secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a compensation yearly for his trouble.

Article 13.—The Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if needs be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Article 1.—The Association shall be opened by Prayer.

Article 2.—A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

Article 3.—Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, when he is about to make his speech.

Article 4.—The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any one, except the Moderator, until he is done speaking.

Article 5.—He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in nowise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

Article 6.—No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty from the Association.

Article 7.—No person shall rise and speak more than three times to one subject without permission of the Association.

Article 8.—No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the Sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

Article 9.—No member shall address another in any other appellation, but Brother during the Sitting of the Association

Article 10.—The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in, or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he break the Rules of this Decorum.

Article 11.—The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

Article 12.—The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as another member, provided the chair be filled and he shall not vote unless the Association shall be equally divided.

Article 13.—That any member who shall wittingly and willingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they shall think proper.

Article 14.—Amendment to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Union when they may deem it necessary.

Article 15.—The Association shall have power: 1st. To provide for the general Union of the Churches. 2nd. To endeavor to preserve inviolable a chain of communication amongst the Churches. 3rd. To give the Churches necessary advice in matters of difficulty. 4th. To inquire into the cause why the Churches fail to represent in the Association. 5th. To appropriate the moneys, by the Churches contributed for an Association fund, to any purpose they may think proper. 6th. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any Church in this Union which shall violate the Rules of this Association or depart from the Orthodox principles of Religion. 7th. To admit any of the distant Brethren in the Ministry as assistants, who may be present at the time of their Sitting, when they shall judge necessary. 8th. The Association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any future time and place they think most convenient for the Churches in the Union. Received by the Association.

OBITUARY OF MARY JOHNSON.

Mary (nee Spicer) Johnson was born July 22nd, 1830 and died April 12th, 1914, aged 83 years, 8 months and 20 days. She was the obedient and faithful wife of Brother J. A. Johnson, who preceeded her to the grave by many years. To this union, 5 children were born,—4 living, 1 dead; 19 grand children and 14 great grand children; one Sister and one Brother living to follow on. Sister Johnson professed a hope in Christ when about 19 years old; joined the Church at Roaring River, and after she was married, she moved her letter to Double Creek Church where she lived a consistent and faithful member until death. She believed in the doctrine of Salvation by Grace. She believed in "the old-time Religion; the old-time Preaching; the old-time Singing and Shouting." The writer has seen her shout and praise the Lord for what he had done for her and for what He was doing for poor sinners. She said the "old-time" religion was good to live on, and it would be good when she was dying. She said it would carry her to Heaven. She fell asleep in Jesus without a struggle. A mother in Israel is gone. She loved her children with all her heart. She had chosen that good part many years ago, and lived and died in it. Dear children, try to meet your dear mama in glory. Her funeral was preached by her pastor, at her burial, in the presence of a large crowd of weeping people. She is greatly missed by all who knew her. She was such a good Christian mother I shall never forget her sweet face. She was so kind to me and to all she met. She was so very good to visit the sick and help the poor and needy. She never turned the hungry away, but fed all. Her home was a preacher's home. May God bless the bereaved family and sustain them by His grace. And may we all remember Sister Johnson's good advice, and try to live as she lived, and hope to meet her above. Our loss is her eternal gain.

Farewell children and friends here below!
Down in the grave my body must go;
But up from the grave my body shall rise,
And live with Christ, my Lord, in the skies.

Let us honor the dead by giving and helping all we can to comfort the living. Written by E. A. LONG.

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Licentiates.	Ordained Minis'rs.	Rec'd by Exper'ce.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by L'tr.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total Membership.	Saturday.	Contribution.
Cross Roads	G. J. Brown, W. G. Sebastian, G. V. Brown			5		1				44	3	$1.50
Double Creek	M. F. Joines, Sr., M. F. Joines, Jr., S. L. Johnson					1			2	27	2	$1.50
Fairplains	Sister E. A. Hutchison									12	1	$1.00
Mulberry	W. F. Absher, A. B. Wyatt, W. L. Owens		1	1				2	1	50	1	$1.65
Meadow Fork	John A. Long, D. C. Long, J. A. Miller									28	2	$2.00
Pilgrim's Rest	Not Represented.									14	1	
Roaring River	B. B. Hanks, M. G. Lyon, Jr., M. A. Lyon	1						1	2	23	3	$1.50
Mitchell's River	Elder Wm. R. Welborn, Sanford Snow		1	3						27	4	$1.00
Woodruff	Chas. M. Crouse, J. J. Atwood, J. A. Brooks								2	24	2	$1.00
Reddies River	Elder Wm. R. Craft, Adam Snyder, L. W. Vannoy		1	2						57	2	$1.50
Rock Springs	Elder E. A. Long, J. A. Roberts, Jas. A. Taylor		1	3	2	4	4	1	1	36	4	$1.55
	Totals,	1	4	14	2	6	4	4	8	342		$14.20